

# Quest Physician Update

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Dear Colleagues,

The Central Illinois Health Information Exchange (CIHIE) remains on target to 'go live' in 2011. Charter members selected ICA (Informatics Corporation of America) as our technology partner and we are now making preparations for implementation. During the course of our technology selection process, site visits were made to organizations that have been using HIE successfully in Memphis and Nashville. Staff at a Federally Qualified Health Clinic said of health information exchange, "We love it. We use it for every patient. It saves all the faxing and calling we used to do. It makes our doctors more efficient." Other HIE updates include:

- Joy Duling, the Interim Executive Director of CIHIE, presented an update on our region's progress to the Governor-appointed HIE Authority at their Springfield meeting on June 22nd.
- Jim Mormann, Chief Information Officer at OSF Healthcare System, and I have been appointed to the state level HIE Advisory Council to represent our region.
- The first annual meeting of the Central Illinois Health Information Exchange will take place on Tuesday, July 12 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the ISU Alumni Center in Normal. We will be installing the new CIHIE Board of Directors and celebrating the success we have experienced in our first two years of health information exchange planning. Anyone is welcome to attend. Please RSVP to Joy Duling at [jduling@cihie.org](mailto:jduling@cihie.org) or 309-202-1599.

## SAVE THE DATE - Free Upcoming Medical Conference - September 21, 2011

### **Central Illinois HIE Summit: Patient Care and Connectivity**

Wednesday, September 21, 2011  
8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.  
Par-A-Dice Hotel, East Peoria, IL

Regional Health Information Exchanges (HIEs) promise to revolutionize healthcare communication and delivery. This conference will address provider questions and concerns:

- How does it work?
- What are the advantages for me?
- How does HIE enhance care coordination?
- What is the patient perspective?
- Why is it important to our region?

We are pleased to have Dr. Neal Patel as our keynote speaker. Dr. Patel is the Chief Medical Information Officer for Inpatient Services at Vanderbilt University Medical Center, as well as the Co-Medical Director of Pediatric Critical Care Services at Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt. An HIE Functionality Demonstration will follow the conference.

Online registration begins August 1. Brochures will be mailed the same month. For more information, please call 309-282-8825.

Respectfully,

